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"MEDICAL IMPLANT SYSTEM"

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections based on the following amendments and arguments. This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time extending the deadline for reply to April 3, 2004. Therefore, the RCE and Response are timely filed on April 5, 2004, as April 3, 2004 fell on a Saturday.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.